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CLIENT/SERVER, AND COMPUTER PROGRAM STORAGE MEDIUM

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND  
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Sir:

This paper is being filed with a Request for Continued Examination.

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in light of this paper, which is set forth as follows:

- **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.
- **Remarks** begin on page 24 of this paper.

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